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Re: Proposed Topsoil Borrow Areas and Reclamation Surety Adjustments, Jumbo Mining Company, Drum Mine, M/027/007, Millard County, Utah

Dear Mr. King:

Thank you for your February 8, 1995 letter, wherein you discuss Jumbo Mining Company's proposed actions to resolve and comply with recent Colorado District Court directives regarding certain outstanding permitting and reclamation obligations at the Drum Mine. Topics discussed in your letter include proposed topsoil borrow areas, assuming Western States Mining Company's bonding obligations for the remaining disturbed areas, and the calculation and posting of a replacement reclamation surety dollar amount for the entire Drum mine site.

On February 9, 1995, I contacted Mr. David Hartshorn to arrange a March 9, 1995 date, to perform a joint (BLM/DOGM) inspection of the Drum mine site to evaluate the topsoil borrow areas and discuss bonding provisions. He indicated that this date would probably work for him, but requested that we call him a week in advance to confirm the time and date of our inspection. No urgency to arrange an earlier inspection timeframe was expressed by Mr. Hartshorn at that time.

On February 17, 1995, you telephoned me and asked if we could schedule an earlier inspection date to resolve these permitting concerns. You indicated that you had a hearing scheduled for March 13th with the Colorado District Court to discuss the status of JMC's compliance with the court's order(s). As I informed you during our conversation, March 9th is the earliest date that we can visit the site. Existing work loads, staffing shortfalls and other scheduling priorities/conflicts are not conducive to arranging an earlier inspection date. I'm sorry for any inconvenience this delay may cause you. We share your interest in finding an expeditious solution to these outstanding permitting concerns. In this regard, we are committed to working out reasonable solutions in as timely a fashion as practicable. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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